



JOINT MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,  
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AND  
SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOINT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Minutes**

Wednesday, January 31, 2024  
5:00 p.m.  
Community Design Studio  
7506 E. Indian School Rd.  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

---

**How the Agenda Works:** The Subcommittee and Advisory Committees consider each item on the Agenda separately. If you wish to address the Subcommittee and Advisory Committees regarding any of the items on the Agenda, please complete a Comment Card for each topic you wish to address and submit it to city staff. Comment cards for each Agenda item must be submitted before public testimony has begun on that item.

Members of the Subcommittee and Advisory Committee may attend the meeting by telephone or internet conferencing as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431(4).

**Call to Order**

Mayor David D. Ortega Called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**City Council Subcommittee on Education:**

Mayor David D. Ortega  
Councilmember Tom Durham

**Scottsdale Unified School District Joint Advisory Committee on Education:**

Dr. Scott Menzel, SUSD Superintendent  
Dr. Libby Hart-Wells, SUSD Board Member  
Zach Lindsay, SUSD Board Member

**Scottsdale Community College Joint Advisory Committee on Education:**

Dr. Eric Leshinskie, SCC President  
Dr. Stephanie Polliard, SCC Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Melanie Burm, SCC Director of External Affairs

**ABSENT:**

**City Council Subcommittee on Education:**

Councilwoman Betty Janik

---

## Public Comment

Citizens may address the members of the Council Subcommittee on Education during Public Comment. This 'Public Comment' time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. State law prohibits the Council Subcommittee on Education from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

### 1. **Approval of November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Dr. Libby Hart-Wells; 2nd Mayor Ortega; Council Subcommittee on Education members Mayor David Ortega and Councilmember Tom Durham voted in the affirmative. Scottsdale Unified School District Joint Advisory Committee on Education members Dr. Scott Menzel, Dr. Libby Hart-Wells, and Zach Lindsay voted in the affirmative. Scottsdale Community College Joint Advisory Committee on Education members Dr. Eric Leshinskie, Dr. Stephanie Polliard and Melanie Brum voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

### 2. **Accomplishments and Updates**

Dr. Eric Leshinskie gave an update on the first Scottsdale Community College Impact report, could be agendized for April meeting. Dr. Leshinskie also gave an update that the bachelor's degree program is still on track as per the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Scott Menzel gave an update on the concurrent enrollment program at Coronado and that the pilot partnership is growing.

### 3. **Bicycle Safety Marketing Campaign**

- Kelly Corsette presented a new collaborative initiative between the City of Scottsdale and Scottsdale Unified School District focused on Bicycle Safety.
  - Mayor Ortega mentioned he would like signs at bike racks and possibly scheduling a family bike ride event. He also mentioned the Maricopa Association of Governments initiatives and if those will combine with this or be separate.
  - Melanie Brum asked if Scottsdale is currently a Bike Friendly Community?
    - Kelly answered Yes, Scottsdale is currently rated gold.
  - Dr. Menzel mentioned leveraging existing events for roll out such as the Back to School event in the summer.
  - Dr. Hart-Wells mentioned the growing concern E-Bikes are creating on campuses, especially middle schools. The concern for both E-Bike riders and other students in the path.
  - Councilmember Durham echoed Dr. Hart-Wells concern with E-Bikes on the greenbelt.

### 4. **Mayor's Ability Awards**


- Rebecca Kurth presented information on the Mayor's Ability Awards Scholarship Program.
  - Melanie Brum asked if there was a set amount for the Scholarships
    - No there is not it will depend on the number of applicants
  - Councilmember Durham asked for clarification on STARS program

**5. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

- Future agenda items mentioned:
  - 2 year review and targeted goals for committee
  - Sister Cities/exchange program
  - Technology Lab partnership with tech companies
  - Email any additional items to Rebecca Kurth
- Next Meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, Mayor Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

 Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting The Office of the Mayor 480-312-2433. Requests should be made 24 hours in advance or as early as possible to allow time to arrange accommodation. For TTY users, the Arizona Relay Service (1-800-367-8939) may contact The Office of the Mayor at 480-312-2433.